

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5897
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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRPORT IN HYDERABAD
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rajiv Gandhi International Airport is being constructed in Hyderabad near Samashabad about 30 km away from the city;
- (b) if so, whether GMR group developer of the Airport has approached Andhra Pradesh Government for a dedicated airport having express rail link between airport and center of the city;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the land of Begampet airport is likely to be vacated after operation of Rajiv Gandhi Airport; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken or being taken by the Government for proper utilisation of Begampet Airport on the projects submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The proposal seeks dedicated express rail connectivity between Begumpet and the new airport at Shamashabad. The State Government has requested the Central Government for assistance in implementing this vital connectivity project and the same is being examined.

(d) & (e): Airports Authority of India (AAI) is considering to set up an Integrated Aviation Academy or Aviation University at the existing Hyderabad International Airport, as also to set up maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities for the airlines, once the new airport becomes operational.